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AGRICULTURE.

FARM WORK FOR OCTOBER.

The time for the latter harvest has now come.—

It is night, and the corn fields look white. It

is time to commence the gathering of corn and potatoes.

Both of these important articles are better

suited for gathering in October; and when they

remain there through the month they are quite as

good as when in the crib or the cellar.

But the work of gathering and husking must be

commenced early or it will hold on too late. Corn

does not appear to advantage in the open field after

October is gone, and it is proper to commence har-

vesting early rather than the risk of husking af-

ter the snow comes, or digging the ground when the

frost is in.

The harvesting of corn is one of the most agree-

able kinds of labor. The rich product of a good

field delights the eye and animates the laborer.—

Sixty or seventy bushels of sound grain from a sin-

gle acre, and a ton or two of fodder in ad-

dition, will support a dozen members be-

tween them, and encourage all, who are in-

employed, to labor more than ten hours a day in or-

der to secure them in season.

It is necessary in New England to spend the long

evening of October in husking. The work may

be done nearly as well in the evening as in daylight,

and it is quite important to the owner to finish

the business in due season, there should always be a

proper understanding between him and his hired

laborers in regard to evening work.

There need be no difficulty on this subject, if the hired

men are not to labor any in October after daylight

is gone, they cannot expect full wages.

Corn that is harvested early in October should

not be piled in large heaps. It is prudent to ex-

amine it and throw it over when it lies on a floor.

With a shovel the work is soon done.

The cob is now full of sap, and the whole ear will be

of particular care not bestowed in the first part of

the harvest. The case is quite different when the

ear is not cut till the middle of the month.

The practice of working by the job is good when

it can be given out. Some kinds of farm labor

are as well done by the job as the labor in fac-

tory. Ditching is the kind of labor that should always

be done by the job. The undertaker of a job, works

for himself, and seldom spends his time in looking

up the sun and wishing it to move a little faster.

The harvesting of corn and potatoes may well be

done by the job. When a farmer can job out his

work, he can make some reasonable estimate of his

profits or losses. Some men dig forty bushels of

potatoes each in a day, and store them. Many say

they can harvest ten bushels of corn. Do laborers

generally come up half way to this mark?

When the ear is large and well filled, a small hand will

have work enough in a day for ten bushels of shelled

corn, but he will wish in the evening to do it. Of

course, four times as many may be gathered in a

good field as in a poor one.

In regard to the time of harvesting corn it should

be considered that although the labor is greater ear-

ly in October, before the husks are loose from the

ear, yet the fodder for cattle is enough more valuable

to balance all the difference.

In regard to potatoes it is advisable, since the

not makes such havoc, to let them dry while in the

field after they are dug. When there is no fear of

not putting them in the cellar as soon as possible,

not choosing to expose them to the air. But exposure at this time will have a tendency to prevent

the root's extending.

Young trees should be pruned before the frost takes

them. When they are pulled and partially dried

the frost will have no power over the pods.

They ought not to lie long on the ground. A platform of

boards, or a fence is a convenient place for them.

It is not a good practice to let them lie out long, for

the good pods will soon be dry enough, and the

green pods are good for nothing but to eat or to

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